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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT REQUIRING INTERIOR DESIGNERS TO OBTAIN
CONTINUING EDUCATION RELATED TO THE STATE BUILDING
CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-377s of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) A registered interior designer shall include his or her certificate
4 of registration number in any advertisement and may include his or
5 her certificate of registration number in any written communication.

6 (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his or her
7 own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a
8 material nature to the commissioner for the purpose of procuring a
9 certificate, (3) use or attempt to use a certificate which has expired or
10 which has been suspended or revoked, (4) represent himself or herself
11 falsely as, or impersonate, a registered interior designer, or (5)
12 represent in any manner that his or her certificate of registration
13 constitutes an endorsement of the quality of his or her workmanship or
14 of his or her competency by the commissioner.

15 (c) Certificates of registration issued to an interior designer shall not
16 be transferable or assignable.

17 (d) All certificates of registration issued under the provisions of
18 sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive, shall expire annually.

19 (e) A registered interior designer may apply for renewal of a
20 certificate of registration. The fee for renewal of [a] such certificate of
21 registration [as an interior designer] shall be one hundred ninety
22 dollars, provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be
23 required to pay such fee.

24 (f) A registered interior designer shall complete a minimum of four
25 hours of continuing education every three years. Such three-year
26 period shall commence on the first date of renewal of the applicant's
27 certificate of registration on or after October 1, 2015. The continuing
28 education shall be in areas related to the application of the State
29 Building Code and the Fire Safety Code.

30 (g) A registered interior designer who applies for a renewal of a
31 certificate of registration on or after October 1, 2018, shall sign a
32 statement on a form prescribed by the commissioner attesting that he
33 or she has satisfied the continuing education requirements of
34 subsection (f) of this section. Such applicant shall retain records of
35 attendance or certificates of completion that demonstrate compliance
36 with such continuing education requirements for a minimum of three
37 years following the year in which the continuing education activities
38 were completed. Such applicant shall submit such records to the
39 commissioner for inspection not later than forty-five days after a
40 request by the commissioner for such records.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-377s
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Statement of Purpose:

To ensure public safety by requiring registered interior designers to participate in continuing education regarding the State Building Code and the Fire Safety Code.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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